

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A computer-implemented method for
2 run time ordering open tasks displayed at the user interface
3 of a computer display, comprising the steps of:

4 providing for each open document, web-page, database,
5 and spreadsheet task selectively tiled, cascaded and
6 otherwise arranged in separate windows within an
7 application content window at said user interface a
8 task tab sequentially ordered in a status line
9 selectively arranged in a horizontal bar, a vertical
10 bar, and by way of a drop down list; [[and]]

11 responsive to a user drag and drop of a first task tab,
12 reordering the sequential order of said status line;

13 providing a linked list of tab elements, with a tab
14 element associated with each said task tab and task
15 content, each said tab element including a back pointer
16 to a previous tab element in said linked list, a tab

17 label, a pointer to one of said open tasks, and a next
18 pointer to a next tab element in said linked list;

19 said reordering step comprising the step of adjusting
20 said back pointer and said next pointer of said tab
21 element to reposition said first tab element from a
22 drag position to a drop position within said linked
23 list;

24 displaying in an application content window task
25 content corresponding to a current selected task tab;

26 responsive to user selection of a new task tab of
27 displaying task content corresponding to said new task
28 tab in said application content window;

29 responsive to user selection of a first key
30 combination, displaying task content corresponding to a
31 next sequential task in said application content
32 window; and

33 responsive to user selection of a second key
34 combination, displaying task content corresponding to a
35 previous sequential task in said application content

36 window.

2-10. [Canceled]

1 11. [Currently amended] ~~System for~~ A system for run time
2 ordering open tasks displayed at the user interface a
3 computer terminal, comprising:

4 a computer display device for displaying said user
5 interface;

6 said user interface including a status bar;

7 a plurality of task tabs presented in said status bar
8 in sequential order, with a task tab for each open
9 document, web-page, database, and spreadsheet task
10 within an open application selectively tiled, cascaded
11 and otherwise arranged in separate windows within an
12 application content window at said user interface;

13 a content window for displaying task content associated
14 with a current selected task tab;

15 a linked list of tab elements, with a tab element

16 associated with each said task tab and task content,
17 each said tab element including a back pointer to a
18 previous tab element in said linked list, a tab label,
19 a pointer to one of said open tasks, and a next pointer
20 to a next tab element in said linked list; [[and]]

21 a task tab order component responsive to user drag and
22 drop of a given task tab for moving said given task tab
23 from a drag position in said status bar to a drop
24 position in said status bar by adjusting said back
25 pointer and said next pointer of said tab element to
26 reposition said first tab element from a drag position
27 to a drop position within said linked list;

1 a mouse device operable by a user for selecting a
2 current task tab;

1 a first key operable by said user for incrementing said
2 selected task tab to a next tab in said sequential
3 order;

4 a second key operable by said user for decrementing
5 said selected task tab to a previous tab in said
6 sequential order;

1 said task tab order component being operable to reorder
2 said linked list of tab elements responsive to said
3 user drag and drop.

1 12-24. [Canceled]

2 25. [Currently amended] A computer program product ~~or~~
3 ~~computer program element~~ for ordering open tasks displayed
4 at the user interface of a computer, according to method
5 ~~steps~~ comprising:

6 a computer readable medium;

7 first program instructions for providing for each open
8 document, web-page, database, and spreadsheet task
9 selectively tiled, cascaded and otherwise arranged in
10 separate windows within an application content window
11 at said user interface a task tab sequentially ordered
12 in a status line selectively arranged in a horizontal
13 bar, a vertical bar, and by way of a drop down list;
14 [[and]]

15 second program instructions, responsive to a user drag
16 and drop of a first task tab, for reordering the
17 sequential order of said status line;

18 third program instructions for providing a linked list
19 of tab elements, with a tab element associated with
20 each said task tab and task content, each said tab
21 element including a back pointer to a previous tab
22 element in said linked list, a tab label, a pointer to
23 one of said open tasks, and a next pointer to a next
24 tab element in said linked list;

25 fourth program instructions for adjusting said back
26 pointer and said next pointer of said tab element to
27 reposition said first tab element from a drag position
28 to a drop position within said linked list;

29 fifth program instructions for displaying in an
30 application content window task content corresponding
31 to a current selected task tab;

32 sixth program instructions, responsive to user
33 selection of a new task tab, for displaying task
34 content corresponding to said new task tab in said

35 application content window;

36 seventh program instructions, responsive to user
37 selection of a first key combination, for displaying
38 task content corresponding to a next sequential task in
39 said application content window;

40 eighth program instructions, responsive to user
41 selection of a second key combination, for displaying
42 task content corresponding to a previous sequential
43 task in said application content window; and wherein

44 said first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
45 seventh, and eighth program instructions are recorded
46 on said computer readable medium.

15-24. [Canceled]